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National Park Service  
Gulf Islands National Seashore  
1801 Gulf Breeze Parkway  
Gulf Breeze, Florida 32563



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Mr. Douglas Hunt  
Gulf Coast Refuge Complex  
Refuge Ranger  
7200 Crane Lane  
Gautier, MS 39553

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Thank you for the opportunity to express Gulf Islands National Seashore's support to expand the acquisition boundary at Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge in southeastern Mississippi and southwestern Alabama. The park understands the importance of preserving valuable habitat for endangered and threatened species, migratory birds, and other inter-jurisdictional trust species.

The National Park Service is a key player in a nationwide system of parks, historic places and open space initiatives. Here at Gulf Islands, we have been given the honor of protecting and conserving some of the Gulf coast's most pristine habitat on our barrier islands and intertidal marsh lands. We are confident this expansion of the refuge boundary will not only benefit the public's multi-use opportunities, but also protect critical habitats for fish and wildlife.

We value your partnership and look forward to working with you to conserve and protect our natural and cultural resources along the Gulf Coast through land protection and stewardship programs.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Brown  
Superintendent